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Minutes Windsor Town Council Meeting Town Hall October 25, 2010

The Windsor Town Council met in an Informational Meeting on October 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Windsor Town Hall, Windsor, Virginia. Mayor Carita J. Richardson was present, and she called the meeting to order. She welcomed those who were present. Robin Hewett, Town Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Present For Windsor: Mayor Carita J. Richardson

Councilman Macon Edwards Councilman Wesley F. Garris Councilman Durwood V. Scott

Councilman Greg Willis

Robert Claud, Windsor EDA Member Michael Stallings, Town Manager

Robin Hewett, Town Clerk

Dennis Carney, Planning & Zoning Admin.

Present For the Department of Rail and Public Transportation:

Thelma Drake, Director

Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation

Present For Isle of Wight County: Thomas Wright, Board of Supervisor

Phillip Bradshaw, Board of Supervisor Douglas Caskey, County Administrator Don Robertson, Asst. County Administrator

Judy Winslow, Director of Tourism Beverly Walkup, Planning Director

Richard Rudnicki, Planner

Mayor Richardson asked the Town Manager to explain the information placed before each person. Mr. Stallings said there are two maps of the Town of Windsor. He said on each of the maps there are sites marked for potential locations for a train station. He also provided Ms. Drake and Mr. Page with a packet of information from the Town, which included a resolution from the Town and resolutions and letters from several surrounding localities in support of a train station in Windsor.

Mr. Thomas Wright spoke about the economic development benefits of having a train station in Windsor. He briefed on the growth of the industrial park located just outside of the Windsor town limits. He said he felt that a train station in Windsor would help in the growth of economic development for Windsor.

Ms. Winslow said a train station would help with tourism in Isle of Wight County. She said that people could visit the Town of Smithfield, which is a very family-oriented town. She said the Town of Smithfield is a great historical area with lots of specialty shops.

Mayor Richardson said there is a four-year college interested in having a satellite campus in Windsor. She said a train station located in Windsor would be less congested than in some of the other locations being considered. She said there are several locations of open land in Windsor ready to be built upon.

There was a brief discussion of the rail transportation process and the different phases of the project. Mr. Page briefed on the phases and the study that is currently underway for the rail project.

After a question and answer period, the meeting concluded with a tour of the Town of Windsor to view the sites for potential locations for a train station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Hewett, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer